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Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, delete the TITLE in its entirety and replace therewith the following:

--EASY-TO-MANUFACTURE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE WITH LIGHT

SHIELDING FRAME LAYER--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 8 and 16 to read as follows:

8. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a first substrate;

a second substrate; and

a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the first substrate includes a plurality of switching elements, a plurality of picture element electrodes connected to the plurality of the switching elements and light shielding layers on the switching elements on an area of the first substrate corresponding to a display region of the liquid crystal device, a driving circuit for driving the switching elements, and a light shielding frame layer around a periphery of the display region formed over the driving circuit.

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16. (Amended) A method for producing a liquid crystal display device including a first substrate, a second substrate, and a liquid crystal layer interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate, the method comprising the steps of: forming a plurality of switching elements, a plurality of picture element electrodes connected to the plurality of [the] switching elements, [and] light shielding layers on the switching elements on an area of the first substrate corresponding to a display region of the liquid crystal display device, a driving circuit for driving the switching elements, and a light shielding frame layer on the first substrate around a periphery of the display region formed over the driving circuit.

REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reconsideration of the subject application based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 through 17 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1 through 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102. Claims 10 through 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.